

# Quote

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There seems to be a rather gen'l idea amongst laymen that the MARSHALL Plan is all set for prompt adoption. Administration has understandably sought to foster that feeling. Actually, there's well organized opposition which will become apparent when Congress convenes. Some opposition is political, of course, but there's hardening conviction that money thrown into European rehabilitation is rat-hole wadding. This thinking will have effect. Also, we have quite a group who dislike arrogance emerging from Paris Conference. "They're supposed supplicants, but bark like top-dogs. We're silly to stand for this kicking around. We've got to learn to use our money politically; exact what we want for what we give." Talk will go on for mo's; end in passage of much-modified program about mid-yr . . . Patriotic gesture of distillers isn't too much of pocketbook pinch. There's plenty of liquor on hand and industry can now adjust inventories. It's psychological move for LUCKMAN Committee, badly in need of moral victory, but grain saving is virtually nil. About ¼ of grain distilled is ret'd as by-product livestock feed which, by bulk, has 3 times food value of straight grain. Note Administration is letting voter keep his beer!

## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

ANDREI VISHINSKY, Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister: "Anyone who incites a new war is worthy of being compared to Hitler." 1-Q

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WINSTON CHURCHILL: "What the German U-boats could never do to us has been achieved by our own misguided fellow countrymen thru gross mismanagement." 2-Q

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HAROLD PAULSEN, pres of Montana Jr Chamber of Commerce: "When the American people are made aware of the many tangible blessings they have, I have little fear of 2nd-rate salesmen selling an inferior product at our back door." 3-Q

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Dr VICTOR E LEVINE, prof of Biochemistry at Creighton Univ School of Medicine: "More people die by the spoon and the fork than by the gun and the sword. The present ('waste less food') campaign affords a golden opportunity for girth control." 4-Q

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CHAS E WILSON, pres of Gen'l Motors Corp'n, predicting rise in '48 car prices: "Even if there is no increase in wages, certain engineering changes and cost of mat'ls will make an increase necessary. I see no evidence of (cost trends) stopping or coming down at this time." 5-Q

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Gen'l LUCIUS D CLAY, gov of American zone in Germany: "The 'little people' of Europe live under either one of 2 terrors—terror of a

police state or terror of hunger and cold. As long as they are in terror it's going to be pretty hard to establish a democracy." 6-Q

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ABDEL RAHMAN AZZAM PASHA, sec'y of Arab league, on U S sanction of Palestine partition: "America is now the most unpopular country in the middle east and is taking steps to make herself more so." 7-Q

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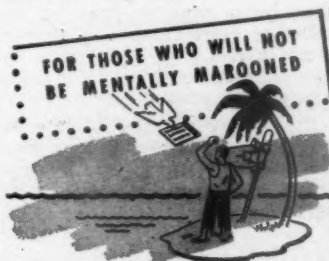
Gov THOS E DEWEY, of N Y: "We need and want to do our honest share to feed hungry people overseas . . . but we have at the same time a prior and a binding obligation to see that no American is poorly fed as a bitter result of thoughtless or badly planned generosity on our part." 8-Q

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ROGER LAPHAM, Mayor of San Francisco: "If the world today is to live in peace it must be prepared to live in an armed camp." 9-Q

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Sen ALBEN BARKLEY, of Ky: "An empty stomach is a Communist workshop." 10-Q





#### ADVERSITY—1

There are a lot of people shining in this world who rec'd their polish from the drubbing life gave them.—*Canadian Business*.

#### BEAUTY—Perspective—2

Some young ladies, touring Northern Wisconsin, became very disgruntled after having traveled for hrs over very rough roads and amid dense foliage. Toward evening they reached the main highway. One of the girls looked back and exclaimed: "What a lovely picture!" They saw the setting sun touching the tops of the trees, lighting them in rare beauty.

"Why didn't you show us this, instead of taking us over that terrible road?" one impatiently asked the chauffeur.

"Lady," he quietly repl'd, "that's where you were traveling when you did all the grumbling. It often happens in this State that you see the beauty *after* you've passed it and not while you're going thru it." —Rev Wm B PETHERICK.

#### CONGRESS—3

Congress is like a wife. It's a relief when it leaves town, yet a time comes when it must be recalled to avert disaster. — *Omaha World-Herald*.

#### COURAGE—4

Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the mastery of it.—JOHN SUTHERLAND BONNELL, "How to Conquer Your Fears," *Christian Herald*, 9-47.

#### CRITICISM—5

King Geo VI made an earl of a boy who taught himself law in a poverty-stricken village hidden in the hills of Wales. Vigorously active in political reforms as a young man, the slender chap crept into the back of halls where the fighting opposition was holding rallies against him. David Lloyd George wanted to hear his opponents' criticism — a good foundation for the more than 50 yrs he served in parliament. He could take their criticism because he was trying to learn.—DONALD A LAIRD, "Criticism," *Household*, 10-47.

#### DEMOCRACY—Education—6

Our young people should learn the ways of democracy by practicing them in school and college. They should see the shadows behind glamorous and attractive promises and propagandas for the easy solution of all important social and economic problems. They should intelligently oppose the scapegoat type of indictment of certain classes, creeds, or races. They should examine carefully all undemocratically operated movements or organizations placing power in the hands of a few leaders. They should weigh wisely the continual criticism leveled at politicians or other classes or groups blaming them for social and economic difficulties. Finally, they should have a sufficient store of knowledge to be able to detect and expose totalitarian methods and practices.

I regard this program as one of the highest priority for American education. — JOHN W STUDEBAKER, "Zeal for Democracy," *School Life*, 10-47.

#### DETAIL—Significance—7

Everything that moves moves everything else. A bear coughing at the North Pole stirs the sands of the Sahara. If I breathe — only once—I so displace the air that perhaps a man may be killed or a woman give birth or a nation be set in flames. Be careful. Never for one moment believe that nothing has significance. — ROBT PAYNE, quoted in *Chicago Tribune Magazine of Books*.

#### DISCRIMINATION—Costs—8

The costs of discrimination in terms of productivity, altho difficult to measure, are substantial. When an employer is limited in his

choice of qualified employees to certain racial or religious groups, he cannot always choose the most skilled man for the job. Every time he must hire the poorer man, productivity suffers and cost of production are increased. Likewise, when a skilled mechanic must take a job as a servant, the community suffers a double loss. Not only is his productive capacity unutilized, but their investment in his education is wasted.—LEO CHERNE, "The Economic Cost of Prejudice," *New Leader*, 9-27-47.

#### They DO Say . . .

Curtis Publishing Co will relax rule against liquor adv in any of its publications when Jan issue of *Holiday* blossoms with alcoholic beverage ads. Rule still holds for other Curtis publications . . . Columnist EDITH GWYNN, noting that *Psychic Observer*, magazine dealing with the supernatural, has stationed correspondent to cover Hollywood, cracked: "Couldn't have picked a likelier spot!" . . . Wacs and Waves are doomed to "hold that line" in skirt lengths. Present uniform hems will give added 2 in's but not enough to match civilian fashion. Uncle Sam seems disinclined to purchase new skirts . . . As aid to bewildered butchers in this inflation era, TOLEDO SCALE announces new computing charts to figure purchases up to \$1.70 per lb. Prewar charts stopped at 75¢ per lb . . . *New Yorker* points out "Share the Wealth Note" in the N Y Social Register for the current season: the deGots follow the deGives!

#### EDUCATION—9

Channing Pollock told about a man who gave his son an education and then told him he was on his own. From the beginning that boy knew he would have to work out his own life plan. This father's will provided that every yr his son would get an annual sum equal to 10% of his own earnings.

After the son had worked 5 yrs, he was given a sum that matched his earnings. Eventually, when he had proved his worth as an earner and mgr, he was given most of his father's estate.

This wise father had an unbroken rule: "Never give anybody

anything he should have earned."—*Pegmatites*, hm, Golding-Keene Co.

#### EUROPE—Reconstruction—10

Our aid has been of the greatest help to people abroad. I was in Europe during and immediately after the war, and I saw the unbelievable wreckage left by it. Recently I again visited Europe and was greatly impressed with the progress that Europeans . . . have been able to make since the end of hostilities. Despite bad housing, lack of adequate heating, lack of food and clothes, they have made truly remarkable progress. I found in all countries the will to work and the determination on the part of the overwhelming majority of people again to make themselves self-sustaining by paying their own way.—*AVRELL HARRIMAN*, quoted in *Foreign Commerce Wkly*.

#### FIRE PREVENTION—11

Matches have heads but no brains. When you use *their* heads, use your brains.—*Bendirline*, hm, Bendix Aviation Corp'n.

#### FRIENDSHIP—12

A friendship begun with an end in view soon comes to an end. — *Nat'l Canvas Goods Mfrs Review*.

#### HANDICAPS—13

Dep't of Labor survey disclosed that in opinion of 450 employers employing 88,600 handicapped workers they were getting better results from physically impaired persons than from non-handicapped workers. Fifty-eight % stay at their jobs longer. Fifty-one % had better accident records. Forty-nine % had better than average absence records.—*Labor Union*.

#### HONESTY—14

A lot of people are as honest as the day is long; but when it gets dark — look out!—*Woman's Home Companion*.

#### HUMILITY—15

When Jas Martineau was minister of Little Portland Street Chapel and was preaching to small but select congregations which included

two or three of London's prominent intellectuals, an elderly domestic servant was observed to be unfailingly present at the services. A kindly man approached her, and, after complimenting her on the regularity of her attendance, asked, "And do you understand the sermons?" She was greatly shocked, and ans'd, "God forbid that I should presume to understand Dr Martineau!"—*J M LLOYD THOMAS*, "The Modernness of Kierkegaard," *Hibbert Jnl*, 9-47.

#### INTERNAT'L RELATIONS—16

Before there can be hope of seeing eye-to-eye with the Russians, it will be necessary at least to look in the same direction. — *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*.

#### Memo to Carl Sandburg:

The yr was 1846 . . . In a little town in Illinois a political meeting was being held in the town hall—Outside a sign read, "Minors Under 16 Years of Age are Definitely Prohibited from Attending the Meeting." The speaker began his talk and suddenly noticed that right in the front row was a tall gangling youth . . . He said: "Son, didn't you see the sign outside that said 'No Minors Are Allowed'?" The youth looked up slowly and bashfully: "I did, sir. But you see I'm so interested in politics and gov't, I thought that if I was quiet nobody would notice me." "Son," said the speaker, "What's your name?" "Abe," was the reply. "And your last name?" asked the speaker. The boy looked up and said, "Last-fogel!"—*IRVING HOFFMAN*, *Hollywood Reporter*. 17

#### LABOR—Hrs—18

A normal yr contains 8,760 hrs of which 2,920 must be set aside for an average of 8 hrs sleeping a day, leaving something less than 6,000. Of these the employer a century ago bought more than 4,000

or an average of 14 a day. Before World War I the employer was still able to purchase 3,000 a yr, but by '29 he was down to about 2,500. With the 40-hr wk, the maximum the employer buys as a rule is 2,000. If we take holidays into acct . . . illness, time lost thru labor turnover and strikes or lockouts, factory hrs are down to about the 35-hr office wk or a maximum of 1,750 hrs a yr.—*DR JULIUS HIRSCH*, *Baron's*.

#### LANGUAGE—19

A neighbor once dropped in on John Ruskin and saw him bent over a sheet of writing, motionless. Ruskin looked up. "The word won't come," he sighed.—"I've got 19 approximates here, any one of which will do after a fashion, but the right word just escapes me." Mark Twain was a more lusty and boisterous author than John Ruskin. You might think he wouldn't be so fussy, but he also took time to discover the right words. He said, "the difference between the right word and the so-so word is the difference between the lightning and the lightning bug."—*Pipefuls*, hm, State Mutual Life Assurance Co.

#### LOVE—20

Love never dies of starvation, but often of indigestion. — *NINON DE LENCLOS*, quoted in *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

#### LUCK—21

The influence of luck is greatly exaggerated, but its power cannot be denied. A popular political leader once said, "When I look around upon my competitors, and consider my own qualifications, the wonder to me is how I ever got the place I now occupy. I can only acct' for it by comparing life to one of the crossings in our great thoroughfares. You arrive just when it is clear, and you get over it at once; another finds it blocked up, is kept waiting, and he arrives too late at his destination, tho the better pedestrian of the two." — *Speakers Magazine*.

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**AUTOMOBILE — Accessories:** Collapsible trailer can carry a load of 400 lbs and when not in use is stored in automobile trunk. A one-wheeled affair with rectangular aluminum frame that supports a canvas sling, the whole trailer weighs but 45 lbs. (*Science News Letter*)

**CONSTRUCTION:** Prefabricated fuel chimney can be installed in completed house, costs half as much as a brick chimney. Van-Packer Corp'n, Chicago. (*News-week*)

**GADGETS:** New clip fits any paint can, provides convenient place to park dripping paint brush so surplus paint drips back into container. (LAWRENCE N GALTON, *Nat'l Home Monthly*)

**HOUSEHOLD AIDS:** New grocery type chemical loosens skin on potatoes so skins can be removed simply by rinsing spud in water. (CEDRIC ADAMS, *Minneapolis Tribune*)

**MEDICINE:** Good results in clinical tests of new pain-relieving drugs used as substitute for morphine are reported. Drug, called AN-148, relieved pain in all but 4 of 106 persons suffering from wide variety of diseases; had few, and minor, bad effects. No tendency to addiction was observed in 2 persons who rec'd exceptionally large am'ts of the drug. (ALTON L BLAKESLEE, *A P*)

**PAINTS:** Paint with stainless steel powder base increases as much as 4 times the working life of surfaces exposed to corrosion by strong chemicals. (*Financial Post*)

**RADIO:** Control switch turns radio off while telephone is in use. Radio comes back on when telephone receiver is ret'd to cradle. (*Birmingham News-Age-Herald*)

## MARRIAGE—22

One of the best ways for a married couple to see eye-to-eye is to replace each "I" with "We."—O A BATTISTA, *Everybody's Wkly*.

## OBJECTIVE—23

The man who works for the gold in the job, rather than for the money in the pay envelope, is the fellow who gets on.—JOS F JOHNSON, quoted in *ATA Bulletin*.

## ORIGIN—Stethoscope—24

In 1816 in Paris, a physician, Rene Laennec, was consulted by a young and buxom female suffering from a heart ailment. Being too modest to put his ear against her bosom to listen to her heart, he tried a rolled-up piece of paper and found it conveyed the sound distinctly. This led to his famous invention—the stethoscope.—FRELING FOSTER, *Collier's*.

## PARENTHOOD—Duty—25

It is the part of the parents of today to extend their parenthood beyond their own homes to the community, the nation, the world.—CLARA S LITTLEDALE, "What Is Better Parenthood?" *Parents' Magazine*, 10-47.

## PHILANTHROPY—26

A man in the east had oodles of money and gave a tremendous hunk of it to build a hospital. Then he had bad luck and was wiped out. One day he walked by the hospital and commented, "The money I gave for this is doing good; the rest that I had is all gone." — GORDON GAMMACK, *Des Moines Register*.

## PHILOSOPHY—27

"We all got a schnozzolla," says Jimmy Durante, "maybe not on our faces, then in our minds, maybe in our hearts, maybe in our habits. Ridiculous one way or another, that's what we are. Well, sir, when we admit our schnozzles instead of defending 'em, and laugh, the world laughs with us, and things ain't serious no more."—CAMERON SHIPP, "American's No 1 Clown," *Coronet*, 10-47.

## PREACHERS—Preaching—28

The test of the worth of a preacher is when his congregation go away saying not "What a beautiful sermon!" but "I will do something about it!"—ST FRANCIS DE SALES (1567-1622), quoted in *Toastmaster*.

## PREJUDICE—29

Nothing is sillier than to condemn without investigation. You will hear people say, "I cannot believe in such and such a system." When you ask them what they know about that system, they have only the cloudiest notions. They have never taken time to get the facts. Their judgment is based on insufficient evidence. They prefer prejudice to truth.—TOM DREIER, *Phoenix Flame*.

A mist on the far horizon,  
The infinite tender sky,  
The rich, ripe tints of the corn-  
field,  
And the wild geese sailing high.  
And all over upland and low-  
land  
The charm of the golden rod,  
Some of us call it autumn,  
And others call it God.—WM H  
CARRUTH, *Royle Forum*, hm, John  
Royle & Sons. 30

## RUSSIA—Production—31

Dep't of Commerce study indicates that according to Russia's reckoning, another 15 yrs of expansion will be req'd before Soviet steel production will be sufficient to meet its domestic needs.—*Steel*.

## SAFETY—Safe Driving—32

Our forefathers blazed the trail. Their descendants burn up the road.—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Magazine*.

In '46 thirty-one out of every 100 drivers in fatal accidents were violating speed regulations.—*Minneapolis Tribune*.

## TAXATION—33

Another great difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.—*Western Bldg*.

## THOUGHT—34

The only time a train of thought is worth anything is when it will take you to a desirable destination.—*American Lumberman & Bldg Products Merchandiser*.

## TOLERANCE—35

Tolerance is that uncomfortable suspicion that the other fellow might be right after all.—*Kalends*.

## WOMEN—Politics—36

Women have the right to vote but they are still more interested in the hats in a window than those in the ring.—*Arkansas Gazette*.

### We cannot be destroyed

Twenty-one yrs after his death (Oct 19, '26), EUGENE V DEBS, one of the most prominent figures in American Socialism, has been made the hero of a controversial new novel, *Adversary*, in the House (Doubleday, \$3), by IRVING STONE. Interweaving fact and fiction, STONE has written a forceful narrative around the life of the labor organizer whose most formidable opponent was his own wife—his "adversary in the house."

The excerpt following pictures Gene's struggle to gain security for the mbrs of his Terre Haute local.

It was said around the yard that Engles, the supt, had rails in his body instead of blood. "We ought to make the engineers and train-men pay for those 2 locomotives."

"Men don't kill themselves for the pleasure of it, Mr Engles," repl'd Gene. "When 2 locomotives crash head on, that means your signal system has broken down. And that's the fault of this office, not of the men running the trains. I claim your co should give Master-son a decent burial and pay his wife a thousand dollars insurance. I claim your co should pay Min-shall's hospital bills and give him \$500 to tide him over."

Engles studied Gene with a furious pity. "Do you know how much it will cost to replace those engines?"

"I'm interested in human cost, not machine cost." Gene pulled out a crumpled newspaper clipping. "Here's a story from the San Francisco *Bulletin*. It describes the homes being built for Leland Stanford, Mark Hopkins and Chas Crocker. Stanford's home is finished, at a \$2 million cost. Crocker's is going up to \$2 million 300 thousand. Mark Hopkins' is going to cost \$3 million. That's over \$7 million to put roofs over 3 families, all of it taken out of railroads. You can't tell me that giving Charlie Master-son a decent burial or paying Min-shall's hospital bill is going to stop the trains from running."

Engles stared at the clipping. "If it were only Charlie and Ben we could do it, but there are men getting hurt and killed every day of the wk . . ."

" . . . and their families are all entitled to protection."

Engles shook his head. "You seem to have some misguided idea that trains are run for the men who work them. Get wise; they're run for passengers and freight. We didn't bring your firemen into the world and we didn't bring them into the yards asking for jobs . . . I can give you absolutely nothing."

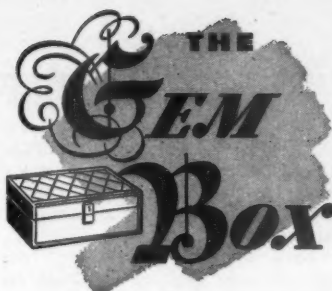
At the meeting that night, Gene told the men of his interview with Engles. "There's no one can help them but us."

Dino Franchetti was the 1st to speak: "But Charlie and Ben weren't mbrs. They never paid into no insurance fund."

"They were mbrs," repl'd Gene stubbornly, "only they didn't get around to signing their application blanks. We must take care of our own boys."

"Gene, you're talking about almost \$2000! Where would we get that kind of money? At a dollar and a quarter a day, that's 1500 work days, Gene. We got kids at home, too."

When Gene spoke his voice came from his heart. "They tell us all men are bro's; this is not so. But some men are bro's; Charlie Master-son and Ben Minshall are your bro's. When there was work to be done, they were at your side to do it; when there was no work, they suffered and starved beside you . . . When your pay was cut, theirs was cut, and their children had as many bites less of beef and bread as your children. If you were too ill to do your job one night, if you were late, if you took a drink too many, they covered for you. There is nothing you could do or feel that these men could not understand and sympathize with. You have sweated together before blazing ovens, and frozen together in roadside shacks; you have been crushed and maimed, yes, and killed together. This is brotherhood. So long as we have this, we are not alone on the earth. But once this brotherhood is gone, we are no better than those animals, human as well as beast, who devour each other. Our jobs can vanish, our money can be used up, our health and strength can disappear, there can be nothing left to our security . . . but while we have bro's, bro's we do not abandon, and who do not abandon us, we are secure on this earth, we cannot be destroyed."



### Flowers Are Much Like People

Mrs DAN'L G DUNCAN

I was 12 and given to critical comments on other people's shortcomings. "Let's take a walk in the garden," my father said, after I'd made a particularly barbed remark about Mrs Schultz, our grocer's wife.

The peonies were in magnificent bloom, and there were early roses, columbine and pansies. Together we admired the individual character of each. Then father led me out to the back field. With the same enthusiasm, he offered for my att'n various weeds and wild-flowers—praising their interesting structure, hardness, and delicate grace, or the modest beauty of the flowers.

He held a yellow dandelion out to me. "Does the sight of a dandelion make you feel like putting your heel on it because God didn't make it a rose or a peony?"

I was shocked. "Why, of course not, Daddy!" I protested. "This isn't as beautiful as the peonies, but even if it is so common, it's really very nice."

"Just like Mrs Schultz!" he said. "Flowers, my child, are much like people—there are so many varieties and kinds. Some we naturally admire more than others. But we aren't all born peonies, you know." Walking back to the house, he added, "I think, my dear, if you will learn to take people as you find them and look for their good and interesting points, it will help you to cure yourself of that unpleasant heel habit which you are developing."

It helped. Even now when I'm tempted to be critically caustic, I see myself senselessly stamping on a dandelion and I feel pretty silly. —Better Homes & Gardens.





# WISERACKS

OF THE WEEK



orange juice toward his young son and saying, "Cheers." To his dismay, the cunning little fellow lifted his glass in turn and responded, "And Roebuck."—*New Yorker*. j

## Modern Americana

**Aincha** (from the Siamese) pronounced as spelled, meaning: "Ain't you?" Modern version of: "Are you not?"

**D'jhu** (early Semitic) pronounced "Ju," means: "Did you?"

**Gotta** (probably low Dutch) pronounced as it looks, meaning: "Have you a . . . ?" or "I must."

**Harrya** (from the Comanche) a form of salutation meaning: "How are you?"

**Jeet** (possibly Hungarian). Modern interrogation as "Jeet yet?" meaning "Did you eat yet?"

**K'min** (Indo-Chinese origin), pronounced "Kuh-min," invitational form meaning: "Come in," or "Enter."

**Aynet** (of Tibetan origin). Frequently used in everyday conversation as "aynet hot?" — much simpler than its forebear, "Is it not?" but means same.

**Hoozher** (believed to be more the Mongolian). Now used as a modern interrogatory form: "Hoozher friend?"

**Java** (very evidently Javanese). Used in the interrogatory form: "Java good time?"

**Gunna** (of Norwegian origin). Replaces the outmoded phrase, "Are you going to?"

**Iva** (from the Icelandic), a time-saving contraction of "I have a,"—"Iva new book."

**Swati** (origin obscure), pronounced "Swat-eye," modern condensation of "That is what I . . ." as "Swati thought" and "Swati told you."—*Lookout*. k

The subject of the 1st grade language class was "The Horse."

"Children," asked the teacher, "what is a horse?"

The youngsters variously described the creature as "an animal," "a steed," and "it has four legs and a tail."

"But suppose," said the teacher, "I were a little Eskimo boy who

had never seen a horse? How would you describe a horse so I could tell it from other animals?"

The children struggled with the answer, until one little boy, impatient of slowness and inadequacy of the replies, blurted out, "I'd just say, 'Come out here, Eskimo boy, and I'll show you a horse!'" — *Christian Science Monitor*. l

He was driving her home from the dance. It was past midnight, very dark, and the road was lonely. Suddenly the car stopped, the young man got out, looked the car over, turned to the girl and said, "What a break. The gas tank seems to be full of water and we can't move a foot."

The girl gave a sigh and said: "Come inside. This has happened to me before. All we have to do now is sit and argue for a while and the water turns right back into gasoline."—*Coronet*. m

"What was the last position you held before you entered the Army?" the personnel officer asked of the applicant for a position. "Well, sir, I was a doer."

"A doer?" repeated the puzzled personnel officer, "what's that?"

"Why," explained the applicant, "where I worked when the Boss wanted something done he'd tell his sec'y; the sec'y would tell the head clerk; the head clerk would tell the bookkeeper, and the bookkeeper would tell me. There wasn't anybody for me to tell, so I was the doer."—*Volta Review*. n

As a returning British plane was above the House of Parliament the other day, the steward called out: "Ladies and gentlemen, you are now passing over the Labor Gov't. Tighten your belts, please."—*London Daily Telegraph*. o

During his stay in Tex, a man from Ky called at a farmer's house. The farm was hilly and as he passed thru the fields of tall corn he noticed that the ground between the hills was bare. "Why is the land between the hills bare?" he asked. "Back in Ky we plant pumpkins between the hills." "Shucks," said the farmer, "we

COLUMNIST: A parafrafter.—DAVID ROSS, quoted by EARL WILSON, syndicated col.

Newspaper fame is a case of hero today and gone tomorrow. — WIN ELLIOT, radio program.

Men usually become hard-boiled after they are in hot water a few times.—ED TEMPLIN, *Shelton* (Neb) *Clipper*.

A vacation is a succession of 2's. It consists of 2 wks, which are 2 short. Afterward, you are 2 tired 2 ret'n 2 work and 2 broke not 2.—*Phoenix Flame*.

The Mason-Dixon line is a division between "you-all" and "youse-guys."—*Oakland Oak Leaf*.

A politician is a fellow who works his gums at election time and gums the works afterward. — "BUSTER" ROTHMAN, *Liberty*.

Nowadays it is easier to find a better half than good quarters. — *Alexander Animator*.

can't do that down here. I tried it once but this Tex ground is so rich that the vines wore the pumpkins out dragging them around!" — JOE CREASON, *Louisville Courier-Jnl Magazine*. p

A reasonably well-known woman artist finally sold one of her paintings to a museum. The joy of her daughter knew no bounds. "Oh, mother," she bubbled enthusiastically, "now you're an old mistress, aren't you?"—DAVID T ARMSTRONG. q

A young woman who had just been married stood in the meat mkt, looking over the different meats in the show case. The clerk asked politely, "And what can I do for you, madam?"

Shyly she asked, "What have you that I can make over, if I don't cook it right the 1st time?"—CARL ROGERS, *Woman*. r

# GOOD STORIES

## You Can Use

When the revenuers burst from the bushes, the gangling hillbilly began running with such speed that the lawmen stood in slack-jawed awe and watched him disappear.

Long after the revenue men had left, he still had not returned to his cabin. Hrs became days and his friends were worrying. At last, on the 5th day, he stumbled in, a sorry sight. He was bearded and his clothes were spattered with mud.

"Where you been, Ed?" someone asked.

He sighed wearily, "I been comin' back."—*Wall St Jnl.* a

A farmer met the overseer of the poor driving a cart along a country road with a man lying flat in the body. "Where are you going with that man?" he asked. "He has a farm but won't work it. We are taking him to the poor house," the driver repl'd. "That seems too bad," the farmer said. "I will give him a bushel of corn to help out." The passenger raised his head and asked, "Is it shelled?" "No," said the farmer. "Drive on," said the man, as he lay back in the cart.—*Manufacturing Jeweler.* b

Junior was invited to his friend's house for supper, but refused. When his mother asked him why, he sneered: "He just wants me to help him eat up his cereal so he can have the box tops!"—*Washington Post.* c

A man about to be electrocuted phoned his lawyer from the death chamber. "They are about to put me in the electric chair," he said. "You are my lawyer—what do I do now?" The lawyer ans'd helpfully, "Don't sit down." — MYRON COHEN, quoted by EARL WILSON, *syndicated col.* d

A famous Delaware hostess of the nineties had a chandelier above her dinner table which was arranged so that there was a light over each guest. The globes were of different colors — some amber, some red, and some blue. Asked by a feminine guest to explain this effect, she repl'd, "When one gives

### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

OLIN CLARKE

An eccentric old codger made a pet of an electric eel. For mo's he sat enthralled while his pet sent sparks flying around the room, but one day the electric eel refused to function, and curled up disconsolately in a corner of its tank. The old man diagnosed the malady as loneliness and set about finding his eel a mate.

After a long search, he finally located a female electric eel and plopped it into his pet's tank. The reaction was immediate and the room vibrated with electricity. Just as quickly, however, the male eel ceased generating. It turned angrily to its owner. "You darn fool," it grumbled, "you know very well that I am AC. This dame is DC."—BENNETT CERF, *Sat Review of Literature.*

a dinner, one must invite some people one hates. Last Tuesday, I gave a supper and had to invite 2 women whom I despise because otherwise some of the young men I wanted wouldn't have come. But I got my revenge. I placed these 2 women under the pale blue lights. They're usually considered beautiful, but under those lights they looked ghastly. They aged 20 yrs the min they sat down. The men noticed it and paid no att'n to my fair enemies. The women under the ruby-colored lights looked perfectly charming and got all the att'n. The blue lights kill everything."

Just then the woman who had asked for the explanation of the chandelier looked up. She was sitting under a blue light.—GATES HEBBARD, *Gourmet.* e

Several artists were waiting in the elevator of the old Studio Bldg in N Y. The operator attempted to ascend with the passengers but the car refused to budge. Several

times he opened the gates, asking a few people to wait for the following trip. Still the elevator would not move. Again the gate was opened and a very little woman got out. Presto! the elevator began to ascend, but not before the passengers heard the lady explain, "It's not that I weigh so much — it's just that I have so much on my mind today."—*Art Digest.* f

A man, answering an ad for a chauffeur's job, was being examined by the car owner. He was asked if he had traveled much in other states.

"Yes, sir," repl'd the prospective chauffeur.

"All right," said the car owner, handing him a road map, "let's see you fold it."—*Successful Farming.* g

A man with a gun on his shoulder was walking down the street the other day with his dog. An automobile approached. The dog ran directly in front of the car and was killed. The motorist stopped and expressed his grief to the owner of the dog. He took a \$20 bill from his pocket and said: "Here, take that. Will that pay for losing your dog?"

"Oh, yes," repl'd the man. "Everything is all right. I was taking him out to shoot him anyway."—*McCall Spirit.* h

A man recently arranged to have his aged mother cared for in a nursing home, where he has been visiting her twice a wk. Each time he brings her a special lunch of delicacies from the farm, including a thermos bottle of fresh milk in which he slips a little brandy—on advice of the family doctor. The old lady is always delighted with the lunches, and the other day, as she sipped the milk, she said gravely, "Oh, Larry, don't ever sell that cow!"—*This Wk.* i

A disturbed father has told us of coming down to breakfast on a pleasant, sunny morning and, as a token of galety, lifting his glass of





# Mining THE MAGAZINES



## Woe Is Man!

ROBT QUILLLEN

Man is of few days and full of trouble. He laboreth all the days of his youth to pay for a gasoline chariot, and when at last the task is finished, lo! the thing is junk and he needeth another. He planteth cotton in the earth and tilleth it diligently . . . and when the harvest is gathered into barns, he oweth the landlord \$8.40 more than the crop is worth. He borroweth money from the lenders to buy pork and syrup and gasoline and the interest eateth up all that he hath. He begets sons and educateth them to smoke cigarettes and wear a white collar, and lo! they have soft hands and neither labor in the fields nor anywhere under the sun.

The children of his loins are ornery and one of them becometh a lawyer and another sticketh up a filling station and maketh whoopee with the substance thereof. The wife of his bosom necketh with a stranger and when he rebukes her, lo! she shooteth him in the finale. He goeth forth in the morning on the road that leadeth to the city and a jitney smiteth him so that his ribs project thru his epidermis. He drinketh a drink of whoopee juice to forget his sorrows and burneth the lining from his liver. All the days of his life he findeth no parking place and is tormented by traffic cops from his going forth until he cometh back. An enemy stealeth his car; physicians remove his inner parts and his teeth and his bank roll; his arteries hardeneth in the evening of life and his heart busteth trying to keep pace. Sorrow and bill collectors followeth him all the days of his life, and when he is gathered to his fathers the neighbors sayeth: "How much did he leave? Lo! he

hath left it all, and his widow rejoiceth in a new coupe and maketh eyes at a young sheik that slicketh his hair and playeth a nifty game

My Ford is my headache, it falleth apart. It maketh me to lie down on hard roadbeds beneath it. It restoreth my hangover. It leadeth me to places I cannot find on my road map. Yea, tho I pusheth mi's to the nearest gas station I shall fear no evil, for it is worth hundreds at the used car lots. The springs in the seat, they pincheth me. It prepareth a blow-out before me in the presence of speeding autos; my radiator runneth over. Surely policemen and traffic shall follow it all the days of its life, and it shall sell in the 2nd-hand car lot for more than I paid 12 yrs ago.—*Phil-news, hm, Phillips Petroleum Co.*

of bridge." Woe is man! From the day of his birth to the time when earth knoweth him no more, he laboreth for bread and catcheth the devil. Dust he was in the beginning and his name is mud.—*Publishers Syndicate.*

## The Sense of Being Wanted — KATHERINE LENROOT, *Woman*, 11-'47.

Ten blocks from the White House, a hospital is being built to house an old-fashioned idea that is brand new. Instead of putting the nursery for newborn babies 'way down the hall from the mothers' rooms, this hospital is going to have each baby's crib beside his mother's bed.

The idea is not only to control infection, which too often spreads thru large nurseries. It is to keep mothers and babies close together right from the start.

Doctors now know that a baby has a very deep need for closeness

to his mother. When babies fail to get enough affection, they can suffer hidden hungers just as real and damaging as any vitamin deficiency.

The most important function of parents, especially mothers, is to provide emotional security based on a foundation of family love. There is no better design for living.

This sense of being wanted begins in the home, but all too often children lose it as they grow older. They need the continuing example of family life that stresses love, justice and fair play. If these qualities are missing in the home, they will be missing in the child. For better or worse, your child will carry his early impressions into the outside world. As children mature, these early influences go with them into community tasks and responsibilities. How many of us who want model communities can truthfully say that we have laid the groundwork at home?

## "Yours rec'd and contents noted"

Occasionally QUOTE receives an emphatic letter from a subscriber objecting to the system of abbreviations which has become an established characteristic of *The Weekly Digest*. To determine whether this system is annoying readers unduly, we recently polled 10% of our subscription list.

An incredibly high percentage responded. Their friendly attitude gave our editorial ego quite an inflationary whirl. We feel you'd like to know the results. So here's the final tabulation: 77.3% of those replying voted emphatically for a continuation of the system; 15.7% like abbreviations, but feel we might do well to watch our step in the use of too many unfamiliar short-cuts. Only 7% are "agin" abbreviations. A high percentage of these proved, on analysis, to be short-term subscribers who have not yet become accustomed to the space-saving system. Even so, they confess a liking for QUOTE despite the "defect!"

A W Va minister expressed what appears to be a rather gen'l sentiment: "I like to feel," he wrote, "that 'the highest-priced magazine in America' is being read by a class of people who can put 2 and 2 together."

